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Mr. G. Robert Blakey
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Bob:

Forwarded herewith are detailed comments on the draft report on Manuel Ray Rivero. The drafting was such that it has required extensive editorial suggestion, which I believe you will agree leaves the basic story in tact while meeting our security objections.

Page 2. Lines 19-20. Delete "Raul Chibas", "Ramon Barquin".

Page 3. Lines 10-11. Substitute "in the process of becoming" for "being recruited by the CIA in Cuba to become".

Page 3. Line 13. Substitute "U.S. government" for "CIA".

Page 3. Line 13. Substitute "U.S. government" for "The Agency".

Page 3. Line 14. Delete "clandestine".

Page 3. Line 16. Substitute "disagreement" for "internal conflict".

Page 3. Line 17. "U.S. Government" for "CIA". "With" for "to".

Page 3. Line 18. Delete "CIA".

Page 3. Line 19. Delete "Agency".

Page 3. Line 20. "one official" for "A CIA officer".

Page 4. Lines 10-11. Delete after "philosophy" and up to "the White House..." and add "in the FRD".

Page 4. Second paragraph. Ray was approved as a political asset (no quotes) in February 1961. Then start new sentence, "He resisted joining...."

Page 5. "Ray sought U.S. Government support...."

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Page 6. "A recommendation was made that Ray be given an initial \$50,000 for operational expenses. Reaction in the U.S. Government was immediate".

Page 6. Third line. Delete "for" fourth line, delete "the Record" and "Miami Station's".

Page 6. Second paragraph. Sixth line. Delete "in contact with the CIA and was", and "by the Agency".

Page 6. Second paragraph. Ninth line. "U.S. Government" for "CIA".

Page 7. Second paragraph. Second line. Substitute "U.S. Government" for CIA.

Page 7. Second paragraph, second sentence. Delete "with the CIA" and substitute "a" for "the" before "Cuban Ambassador". Delete rest of sentence after "Cuban Ambassador".

Page 7. Second paragraph. Delete third sentence.

Page 7. Second paragraph. Eleventh line. Delete rest of sentence after 1963.

Page 7. Second paragraph. Delete last sentence.

Page 7. Last paragraph. First sentence to read as follows: "In June 1963, the concept of 'Autonomous Operations' was inaugurated under which JURE could be...."

Page 8. First paragraph. Replace "CIA" with "U.S. Government" and "Agency" with "latter".

Page 8. Second paragraph. Last sentence. Substitute "a Venezuelan official" for "the [redacted]"

Page 8. Third paragraph. Substitute "another area" for "Costa Rica". Delete "in Venezuela" after "base".

Page 10. First paragraph. Third line. Delete "the CIA".

Page 10. First paragraph. Fifth line. Delete to "because" on sixth line. Following sentence: "Because of the autonomous nature of JURE no attempt was made to stop the investigation".

Page 10. First paragraph. Last sentence to read as follows: "Ray was told to move all his operations outside U.S. territory".

Page 10. Third paragraph, second line. Delete "CIA".

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Page 10. Third paragraph. Last sentence. Delete "The Agency authorized". Next line. Delete "of \$75,000" and insert "was made".

Footnotes

1. CIA Cable to Director from MASH, 11/17/60.
8. CIA Memo 7/16/62.
9. CIA Report 3/16/61.
12. CIA Document 6/9/62.
13. CIA Cable to Director from MASH, 11/17/60.
15. CIA Document.
21. CIA Report 10/17/60.
22. CIA Memo 9/27/60.
23. CIA Cable from MASH 9/29/60.
24. CIA Memorandum, 9/7/60.
26. CIA Cable to Director from MASH, 11/5/60.
27. CIA Cable to Director from JMASH, 11/11/60.
28. CIA Memo for Record, 11/21/60.
29. CIA Cable to Director from MASH, 11/17/60.
30. CIA Memo for Record, 6/2/61.
31. CIA Information Report, 12/22/60.
32. CIA Memo 3/16/61.
33. CIA Cable from JMWAVE, 3/1/61.
34. CIA Cable to Director from MASH, 11/17/60.
36. CIA administrative form.
38. CIA Memo for Record, 27 March 1961.
43. CIA Memo 6/2/61.
44. CIA Cable from JMWAVE, 4/29/61.